

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
Civil Action No. 1:19-cv-00983-LCB-JLW

DOMINIQUE MORRISON, SARA
HAWES, CASSANDRA
CHIARALUCE, and JONATHAN
FONTAINE individually, and on behalf
of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

AQ TEXTILES LLC and CREATIVE
TEXTILE MILLS PVT. LTD.,

Defendants.

JOINT STATUS REPORT

Pursuant to the Court’s June 26, 2023; July 7, 2023; and August 15, 2023 Text Orders, the Parties jointly and respectfully provide the Court with the following update regarding the progress of the two related Ohio actions:

1. There are two actions pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio that are related to this action: *Hawes v. Macy’s Stores West Inc.*, No. 1:17-CV-754 (S.D. Ohio) and *Chiaraluce v. Macy’s Inc.*, No. 2:20-CV-081 (S.D. Ohio), collectively (“Ohio actions”). In the Ohio actions, the plaintiffs assert claims against entities that operate Macy’s stores arising from the same sheet purchases at issue in this litigation.

2. The parties in the Ohio actions reached agreement on the material terms of a class action settlement and on March 24, 2023 plaintiffs filed a motion for preliminary

approval. *Hawes*, No. 1:17-CV-754, ECF No. 143. On May 1, 2023, the *Hawes* Court granted the plaintiffs' motion for preliminary approval. *Id.*, ECF No. 144.

3. On August 4, 2023, plaintiffs filed a Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Expenses in connection with the proposed settlement of the Ohio actions. *Id.*, ECF No. 147.

4. On September 27, 2023, plaintiffs and Macy's each filed a Motion for Final Approval of Class Action Settlement in the Ohio actions. *Id.*, ECF Nos. 153, 155.

5. The Final Approval Hearing in the Ohio actions is set for October 20, 2023, *id.*, ECF No. 146, more than a month before the November 30, 2023 deadline set by this Court in its July 7, 2023 Text Order.

6. The Parties anticipate that the settlement in the Ohio actions will receive final approval at the October 20, 2023 hearing. Additionally, the Parties continue to believe that final resolution of the Ohio actions will streamline the issues presented in and facilitate resolution of this litigation, including by resolving the claims of three of the four named Plaintiffs in this action.

7. For these reasons, the Parties appreciate the Court's Order staying discovery in this case and continue to believe that it remains appropriate.

8. If the Court would find additional information helpful, the Parties are available at the Court's convenience for a telephonic status conference.

Respectfully submitted, this the 13th day of October, 2023.

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